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lege, and performing a service which shall entitle it to roll on quietly during the remainder of its journey to the Gulf of Mexico.

But what about the Peace cause in these cities of the Falls? On the first Sabbath after my arrival, we had a Union Peace Meeting in St. Anthony. Among the speakers was a gentleman from Illinois who has recently become so much interested in the Peace cause that he has given $50 for its support; and although he is a man of business and property, so that he is not dependent upon any salary for his support, he is thinking seriously of giving his time as well as his money to the work.

While there I also met an ex-soldier who told me that he had seen men hung up by the thumbs for hours for violating military commands by simply brushing flies from their faces. He has seen enough of war, and has now engaged to labor a year or more for the Peace Society in trying to prevent another.

On the next Sabbath we held two Union Peace Meetings in Minneapolis, and on the Sabbath following that, I addressed two other congregations there in their respective places of worship. In this place is a small but active Society of Friends, or Quakers, and to them we are greatly indebted for their cheerful and liberal co-operation. If all Christian sects since the time of the Reformation had taken the stand with regard to war which has been maintained by the Quakers, this reform would have been more complete, and Christianity would have been far less retarded. One of the greatest obstacles to its progress among the heathen, is *the warlike character of the nations which send them the Gospel.*

The pecuniary results of the efforts for the Peace Cause in St. Anthony and Minneapolis were one life-directorship of $50 paid down, thirteen life-memberships of $20 each payable in instalments, and cash from all sources to the amount of about $275. We trust that some seed has been sown which will *produce fruit* hereafter.

An Agent's Experience.—I find this morning, on looking over the record of my work, that I have taken, last month and this, 45 Life Membership pledges to the American Peace Society. I have spoken on peace in these two months about 20 times, beginning in Cleveland, and going to the Southern part of Ohio. I have circulated many thousand pages of the Society's literature. Last week was my best week, fifteen Life Memberships. I state this for the encouragement of others. I often get discouraged; but I keep on and God blesses me. I come to this conclusion, the greatest hindrance to peace is *the want of funds, and earnest men* to teach it to the world. Lord of peace, send us more laborers.

New Vienna, Ohio, August 23, W. G. H.

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☞ Receipts are unexpectedly too numerous to be all included in this number. Delay is often unavoidable, but everything, we trust, will be duly reported in time.

A VICTORY.

The joy-bells peal a merry tune
Along the evening air;
The crackling bonfires turn the sky
All crimson with their glare;
Bold music fills the startled streets
With mirth-inspiring sound;
The gaping cannon's reddening breath
Wakes thunder-shouts around;
And thousand joyful voices cry,
"Huzza! huzza! a victory!"

A little girl stood at the door,
And with her kitten played,
Less wild and frolicsome than she,
That rosy, prattling maid.
Sudden her cheek turns ghastly white;
Her eye with fear is filled,
And rushing in-of-doors, she screams—
"My brother Willie's killed!"
And thousand joyful voices cry,
"Huzza! huzza! a victory!"

A mother sat in thoughtful ease,
A-knitting by the fire,
Plying the needle's thrifty task
With hands that never tire.
She tore her few gray hairs, and shrieked
"My joy on earth is gone!"
O, who will lay me in the grave!
O God! my son! my son!"
A thousand joyful voices cry,
"Huzza! huzza! a victory!"

A youthful wife the threshold crossed
With matron's treasure blessed;
A smiling infant nestling lay
In slumber at her breast.
She spoke no word, she heaved no sigh,
The widow's tale to tell;
But like a corpse, all white and stiff,
Upon the earth-floor fell.
And thousand joyful voices cry,
"Huzza! huzza! a victory!"

An old, weak man, with head of snow,
And years three score and ten,
Looked in upon his cabin home,
And anguish seized him then.
He heeds not wife nor helpless babe,
Matron, nor little maid,
One scalding tear, one choking sob,
He knelt him down and prayed.
And thousand joyful voices cry,
Huzza! huzza! a victory!"

Douglas Jerrold.

MISCELANIES ON KINDRED TOPICS.

Foreign Missions.—It is said that the contributions of the entire Christian world for foreign missions last year, were about $5,000,000. The war-system cost, in one way or another, $2,000,000,000, or 400 times as much for war as for the world's evangelization.

Native Churches Among the Heathen.—One-fifth of the donations received by the London Missionary Society comes from its mission stations.

The practice of giving one-tenth of their income to the Lord has increased much among the churches in Ceylon. Many of the church members are active in their labors of love. In Tillipally the afternoon service has been given up, and the men go forth two and two to preach the Word, while the women meet to study the Scriptures.